

# nebraskan sports

## First-half returns, Lessman punts prove decisive

By Scott Jones

Before Nebraska's 10-7 win over Louisiana State University Saturday, the Huskers worried about their offensive line and the linebacker and quarterback positions.

LSU had similar concerns. But, as it turned out, Nebraska's kicking game made the difference.

"Our biggest mistake was our kicking game," said LSU Head Coach Charlie McClendon. "We didn't cover at all, and they got some breaks on the bounce near the goal line."

Nebraska punter Randy Lessman averaged 46 yards on three first-half punts, which forced the Tigers to start their offensive from the two-, five- and 20-yard lines.

Nebraska returned LSU's four first-half punts for a total of 96 yards, while the Tigers had no return yardage the entire game. Nebraska's only touchdown followed a 33-yard punt return by Dave Butterfield.

### Physical team

"I think we gave just about all we could give," McClendon said. "Nebraska plays solid football. They're a physical football team. We knew that before we came down here."

LSU center Jimmy Oustalet echoed his coach.

"Like Coach McClendon was saying, they are a very physical football team," Oustalet said. "They just wear you down. I feel like I've been through World War II."

The LSU senior also praised Nebraska middle guard John Lee, whom he battled all day.

### Tough cookie

"I tell you what, he's a tough cookie and a quick cookie, too," Oustalet said. "John Lee is a quiet man, he doesn't say much, but he's a good football player."

LSU scored their touchdown when Lee was out of the lineup tending to an injury. Like McClendon, Oustalet said field position was important.

"In the first half it seemed like we were always back on our own 10. Psychologically, that's a big difference."

Pat Lyons, sophomore quarterback who scored LSU's only touchdown, said the Tigers planned to throw more the second half after only two attempts the first half.

### Four pass completions

Their touchdown drive started at the LSU 36-yard line, their best field position of the day, and they completed four passes for 42 yards on the drive.

"We were able to mix the pass in more," Lyons said. "We didn't have any field position (first half), so we didn't throw. When you're on your seven-yard line, you don't throw."

## sports shorts

Ron Taylor, reserve center last year for the UNL basketball team, is scholastically ineligible for the first semester of the 1975-76 basketball season, Husker coach Joe Cipriano announced Saturday.

"Since Ron is ineligible and cannot practice during the first semester, we are not sure what his status will be," Cipriano said. "We will just have to wait and see. Perhaps he will be red-shirted."

UNL's rugby team defeated Creighton University Saturday 49-9.

LSU was eight of 12 passing for the game.

Steve Cassidy, LSU defensive tackle, said the bad field position made the Tiger defense play harder. Although disappointed with the loss, he said the defense did well to hold Nebraska to 10 points considering Nebraska's good field position.

McClendon agreed, saying, "Our defense certainly held us in the ballgame."

Cassidy, who led the LSU defensive line with 11 tackles, explained why Nebraska was stopped on their fourth down and one-yard attempt midway through the fourth quarter.

"We had a stunt on to our left side, and fortunately they ran right into our play. The coaches must have known what was coming," he said. Husker I-back Dave Gillespie lost two yards on the play.

## intramurals

### Intramural football games tonight

Vine No. 1  
6 p.m.-Thunderchickens vs. King, 7 p.m.-Cather 10 "A" vs. Abel 10 "A", 8 p.m.-Selleck Quadrangle "A" vs. Cather 13 "A".  
Vine No. 2  
6 p.m.-Brass Rail vs. 2701 Club, 7 p.m.-Schramm 8 "A" vs. Abel 6 "A", 8 p.m.-Burr 2 "A" vs. Cather 6 "A".

Vine No. 3  
6 p.m.-Triple A Lettermen vs. Hot Rocks, 7 p.m.-Harper 2 "A" vs. Harper 7 "A", 8 p.m.-Abel 7 "A" vs. Abel 3 "A".

Cather No. 1  
6 p.m.-Abel 4 "B" vs. Abel 10 "B", 7 p.m.-Cather 2 "A" vs. Cather 5 "A", 8 p.m.-Senior Dental Students vs. Smokin' Jays.

Cather No. 2  
6 p.m.-Abel 11 "B" vs. Abel 9 "B", 7 p.m.-Harper 3 "A" vs. Abel 4 "A", 8 p.m.-Moe Effort II vs. Council of American Indian Students.

Cather No. 3  
6 p.m.-Abel 5 "B" vs. Abel 8 "B", 7 p.m.-Abel 9 "A" vs. Schramm 6 "A", 8 p.m.-1641 vs. Reebassck.

### Intramural football games Tuesday night

Vine No. 1  
6 p.m.-Beta Sigma Psi "B" vs. Alpha Tau Omega "B", 7 p.m.-Lambda Chi Alpha "A" vs.

Tau Kappa Epsilon "A", 8 p.m.-Beta Sigma Psi "A" vs. Farmhouse "A", 9 p.m.-The Good Guys vs. Kosmos.

Vine No. 2  
6 p.m.-Sigma Alpha Epsilon "B" vs. Delta Upsilon "B", 7 p.m.-Sigma Chi "A" vs. Theta Chi "A", 8 p.m.-Alpha Tau Omega "A" vs. Kappa Sigma "A", 9 p.m.-Fairlers III vs. Space Kadets.

Vine No. 3  
6 p.m.-Kappa Sigma "B" vs. Phi Gamma Delta "B", 7 p.m.-Delta Sigma Phi "A" vs. Phi Kappa Psi "A", 8 p.m.-Beta Theta Pi "A" vs. Phi Gamma Delta "A", 9 p.m.-Delta Sigma Pi vs. Ant Hill Gang.

Cather No. 1  
6 p.m.-Farmhouse "B" vs. Beta Theta Pi "B", 7 p.m.-Alpha Tau Omega "C" vs. Kappa Sigma "C", 8 p.m.-Chi Phi "A" vs. Alpha Gamma Sigma "A", 9 p.m.-Cather 11 "A" vs. Abel 11 "A".

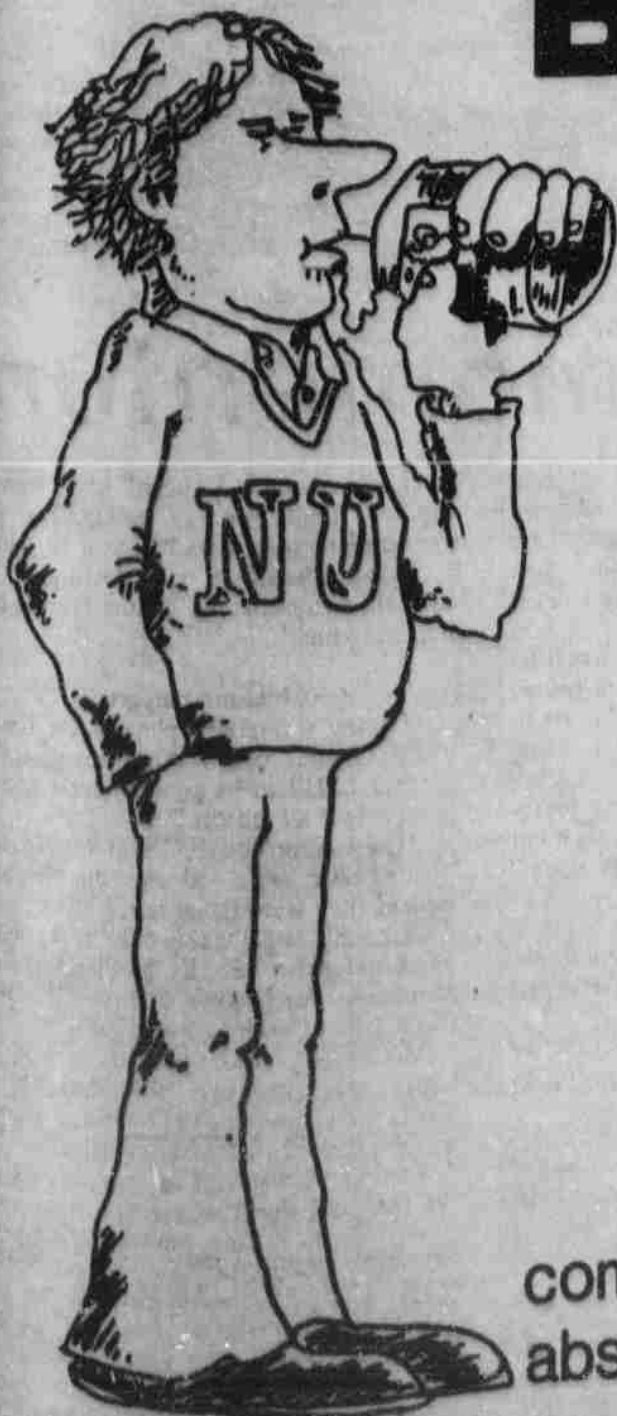
Cather No. 2  
6 p.m.-Army ROTC vs. Phi Delta Phi "B", 7 p.m.-Beta Theta Pi "C" vs. Delta Upsilon "C", 8 p.m.-Sigma Nu "A" vs. Triangle "A", 9 p.m.-Cather 12 "A" vs. Abel 2 "A".

Cather No. 3  
6 p.m.-Abel 6 "B" vs. Abel 7 "B", 7 p.m.-Phi Gamma Delta "C" vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon "C", 8 p.m.-Theta Xi "A" vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon "A", 9 p.m.-Harper 9 "A" vs. Schramm 4 "A".

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